

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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ACTIVE PYRIDINEETHANOL
DERIVATIVES

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated December 21, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.